

**645—303.2 (147) Continuing education requirements.**

**303.2(1)** The biennial continuing education compliance period shall extend for a two-year period between January 1 of each even-numbered year and December 31 of each odd-numbered year. Each biennium, each person who is licensed to practice as a speech pathology or audiology licensee in this state shall be required to complete a minimum of 30 hours of continuing education approved by the board. A person holding licensure in both speech pathology and audiology must meet the requirements for each profession.

**303.2(2)** Requirements of new licensees. Those persons licensed for the first time shall not be required to complete continuing education as a prerequisite for the first renewal of their licenses. Continuing education hours acquired anytime from the initial licensing until the second license renewal may be used. The new licensee will be required to complete a minimum of 30 hours of continuing education per biennium for each subsequent license renewal.

**303.2(3)** Hours of continuing education credit may be obtained by participation in a continuing education program or activity. Such programs and activities may take place individually or in group settings including in-person conferences, journal readings, teleconferences, videoconferences and online programs or activities as long as such programs and activities meet the criteria specified in the definition of continuing education in rule 645—303.1(147).

**303.2(4)** No hours of continuing education shall be carried over into the next biennium except as stated for second renewal. A licensee whose license was reactivated during the current renewal compliance period may use continuing education earned during the compliance period for the first renewal following reactivation.

**303.2(5)** It is the responsibility of each licensee to finance the cost of continuing education.